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Title: MAT FOR MOUNTING A POLLUTION CONTROL ELEMENT IN A
POLLUTION CONTROL DEVICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF EXHAUST GAS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2009. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-20 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 and 372 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are said to be drawn to a pollution control device; and
- II. Claim 11 is said to be drawn to method of treating exhaust gas.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-10 and 12-20), with traverse. Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

It is alleged in the Office Action that:

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reason: The special features of providing a mat for mounting a pollution control element in a casing of a pollution control device is shown by WO 94/16134 (pages 2-4). Therefore, the recited structure does not contribute over the prior art.